29.10.2000, the Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Vizag & return service was rerouted to operate 4 flights/week on the second route indicated above. Due to commitment of A-320 fleet on the existing schedule, IA is not in a position to provide daily services on Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi sector nor to provide a new flight connection between Bhubaneswar and Bangalore. However, in the summer schedule effective 25.3.2001., M/s Jet Airways has proposed to operate a 3 flights/week B-737 air service on Bhubaneswar-Bangalore-Bhubaneswar sector.

Re-Constitution of Hindi Salahkar Samiti

541. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Hindi Salahkar Samiti was re-constituted in the Ministry;

(b) the number of sitting of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) On 18th July, 2000.

(b) The meeting was held on 3rd September, 1997. Thereafter, action was initiated for the ensuing meeting but in the due course of time the Lok Sabha was dissolved and the tenure of the Hindi Advisory Committee also came to an end on March 8, 1998. Since the nominations have to be received from all the hon'ble members of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the Department of Official Language, it took considerable time in the completion of this process. Subsequently, a resolution of the re-constitution of the Hindi Advisory Committee was issued and therefore the meeting of the Committee was held on September 21, 2000.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 29th Day of March, 2001.

(c) With a view to holding the meetings regularly follow-up action has immediately to be taken against the decisions taken in the last

meeting and the subjects have been invited for discussion in the forthcoming meeting from the hon'ble members.

Upgradation of landing system at airports

542. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Airports Authority of India has taken to upgrade the landing system at the airports in the country to meet the foggy conditions during the last winter;

(b) to what extent the AAI succeeded in avoiding stranding of aircrafts at different airports;

(c) whether the Runway Visual Range (RVR) equipment imported from Germany has been installed and commissioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Instrument Landing System (ILS) CAT-IIIA has already been installed at IGI Airport, Delhi and is likely to be commissioned by March, 2001 after completing some necessary requirements. Proposals are under implementation to provide and install CAT-II ILS at the airports at Jammu, Amritsar and Lucknow. With the commissioning of Cat. IIIA ILS at IGI Airport, aircraft operation will be possible in low visibility conditions upto 200 metres and to that extent the stranding of aircrafts could be avoided.

(c) The new Runway Visual Range (RVR) system has been imported and provided by India Meteorological Department and has been installed and commissioned at IGI Airport. Delhi in December, 2000.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Air-Strip at Umaria

†543. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.